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Security Council

10 a.m. — 6001st meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

   Eighteenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2008/645)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

UNOCI (S/2008/645)

Côte d'Ivoire Sanctions Committee

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6001st meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. — 31st plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [80]

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/276)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.6)

2. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/312) [104 (a)]
3. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/107) [105 (g)]
4. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [109]

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 October 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 28 and 29 October, and on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

General Assembly
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Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96: *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139 and A/C.1/63/L.45); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.6, A/C.1/63/L.8, A/C.1/63/L.9, A/C.1/63/L.10, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16*, A/C.1/63/L.17, A/C.1/63/L.19, A/C.1/63/L.20, A/C.1/63/L.21, A/C.1/63/L.22, A/C.1/63/L.23, A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.26, A/C.1/63/L.27, A/C.1/63/L.28, A/C.1/63/L.29, A/C.1/63/L.30, A/C.1/63/L.31, A/C.1/63/L.32, A/C.1/63/L.33, A/C.1/63/L.34, A/C.1/63/L.35, A/C.1/63/L.36, A/C.1/63/L.37, A/C.1/63/L.38, A/C.1/63/L.39*, A/C.1/63/L.40, A/C.1/63/L.41, A/C.1/63/L.43, A/C.1/63/L.44, A/C.1/63/L.51, A/C.1/63/L.52, A/C.1/63/L.54, A/C.1/63/L.56, A/C.1/63/L.57 and A/C.1/63/L.58); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164, A/63/178, A/C.1/63/L.13, A/C.1/63/L.15, A/C.1/63/L.24, A/C.1/63/L.42, A/C.1/63/L.46, A/C.1/63/L.49, A/C.1/63/L.50, A/C.1/63/L.53); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp. 42)*, A/63/177, A/63/279, A/C.1/63/L.47, A/C.1/63/L.48); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93* (A/C.1/63/L.31); *item 94* (A/63/138 and A/C.1/63/L.18); *item 95* (A/63/124 and A/C.1/63/L.55); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.2, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.3 and A/C.1/63/CRP.4]

1. Thematic discussion on the issue of the disarmament machinery
2. Exchange with representatives of non-governmental organizations

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Sustainable development (A/63/66, A/63/76-E/2008/54 and A/63/225) . . . . . [49]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/63/304 and A/C.2/63/3)

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/63/296 and A/63/297)

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/63/347 and A/63/351)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/63/294 and A/C.2/63/3)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/63/294 and A/C.2/63/3)

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/63/294 and A/C.2/63/3)

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (A/63/25, Supplement No. 25)

Introductory statements, followed by "question time"

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

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Continuation of general discussion

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Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

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Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/278 and A/63/289) . . . . . [64 (b)]

Presentations by and dialogue with:

Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development

Special Rapporteur on the right to food

Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

3–6 p.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/263, A/63/270 and A/63/286) [64 (b)]

Presentations by and dialogue with:

Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 3

United Nations common system (A/63/30, A/63/360 and A/63/501) [125]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations common system (A/63/30, A/63/360 and A/63/501))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Construction (A/62/794, A/63/303 and A/63/465)); and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability framework and Results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268, A/63/457 and A/63/328 (Section III, Part D))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 16th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) [75]

1–2 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Special political missions

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution, entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room E

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17, entitled "Indigenous issues" (under agenda item 61) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (under agenda item 67 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Moratorium on the use of the death penalty" (under item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Chile and Gabon)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The right to food" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "The situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Monday, 27 October 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters and humanitarian assistance)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international environmental governance)

1.30–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on NAM draft resolutions)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Information meeting on the draft resolution entitled "Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights" (under agenda item 61) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Other activities

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Monday, 27 October 2008

Briefing by the Bureau of the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests on the Open-ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework (Vienna, 10–14 November 2008)

From 1.15 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (917) 367-3265; e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org).]

Briefing on the "Copenhagen Process on the Handling of Detainees in International Military Operations" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Denmark (tel. 1 (212) 705-4914; e-mail miljoh@um.dk).]

Briefing on the humanitarian consequences of the tragic events of 8 August 2008 (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Grigory Lukiyantsev, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation (tel. 1 (212) 861-4900 or 517-7834).]

Briefing on the outcome of the Country-led Initiative on Financing for Sustainable Forest Management, in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (organized by the Permanent Mission of Suriname)

From 1.45 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact H.E. Mr. Henry L. Mac Donald, Permanent Mission of Suriname (tel. 1 (212) 826-0660).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Ms. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-Habitat; and Mr. Eduardo López Moreno, Director, City Monitoring Branch, UN-Habitat (on UN-Habitat's *State of the World's Cities Report 2008/9: Harmonious Cities*)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

3 p.m. . . . . Mr. Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the right to food

General Assembly
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Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

An Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The panellists invited are Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (United States), Dr. François Houtart (Belgium), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India) and Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 October 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
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Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
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Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14–*27 October*) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

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Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 3 November 2008
10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

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Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 13th meeting on Tuesday, 28 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 13th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 240th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 31 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties

First session

The first session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m., and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The election of twelve members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place on Monday, 3 November. The provisional agenda for the Conference is contained in document CRPD/CSP/2008/2. The draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference of States parties to the Convention will be issued as document CRPD/CSP/2008/3. The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914). Further information may be found at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crpd/crpds1.htm>.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the strategic framework for collaborative relationships and partnerships, on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 9 to 10.30 a.m., at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan (agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on Biological Diversity (CDB) (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Missing persons" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Wednesday 29 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Mason Group

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of the Landlocked Developing Countries (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal meeting for delegations on the draft omnibus resolution under agenda item 39 (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on draft resolutions on the rule of law and terrorism)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Open-ended consultations on a regional meetings series in follow-up to the Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vera Hanus, Conventional Arms Branch (tel. 1 (917) 367-9254; e-mail hanus@un.org).]

UNU briefing on "An interactive dialogue on UNU New York programs: Present and future" (organized by the United Nations University Office at the United Nations, New York)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Dini Silveira, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail dini@ony.unu.edu).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* from *Monday, 27 October*, to Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625, DC2 Building.

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 23 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

23rd meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items and continued the dialogue with the representatives of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, Malaysia and Switzerland with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967.

Advancement of women . . . . . [56 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.13

The representative of the Philippines introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chile, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Paraguay and Peru.

Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Liberia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nigeria, Panama and Senegal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [55 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.6

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Brazil announced that Andorra, Argentina, Bulgaria, China, the Dominican Republic, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malawi, Monaco, Mongolia, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

Angola, Australia, Austria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Malawi, Mongolia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.6, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and Germany.

A statement was made by the delegation of Sweden regarding the sponsorship of the draft resolution.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [55 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.4

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda announced that Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.4, as orally revised.

United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all . . . . . [55 (d)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.7

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia announced that Andorra, Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Morocco, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and further orally revised the text.

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Austria, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritania, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Swaziland, the Sudan, Suriname, Timor Leste, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.7.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.2

The Committee had before it a draft resolution, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.11

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Uganda orally revised the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Costa Rica had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Nicaragua joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of France (on behalf of European Union), the United States, Uruguay, Thailand, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Nigeria, Singapore and Mongolia.

The Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union), Thailand, China and Brazil.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Friday, 24 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

17th meeting

The summary of the 17th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/210).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

16th meeting

International Cooperation in the Peaceful uses of Outer Space . . . . . [28]

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.2/Rev.1

A statement introducing the draft resolution, including an oral amendment, was made by the representative of Colombia.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.2/Rev.1, as orally amended, without a vote.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on this agenda item, with statements by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and Potential members Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, as well as Ukraine and Armenia), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Australia (on behalf of CANZ), Cuba, Brazil, Algeria, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, Nepal, Israel, Indonesia, Japan and Fiji.

Right of reply

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Israel made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Third Committee

24th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, it causes and consequences made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Chile, France (on behalf of the European Union), Lebanon, Canada, Brazil, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Norway and Cameroon.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Ghana, France (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the United States, Thailand, the Russian Federation, Norway, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Myanmar and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as with the observer for Palestine.

The Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of the Maldives, Switzerland, Brazil, the United States, Argentina, Iraq, the Sudan, France (on behalf of the European Union), the Netherlands, Cuba, Fiji and Rwanda.

25th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, the United States, Canada, Malaysia, Colombia, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Guinea-Bissau, as well as with the observer for Palestine.

The Special Rapporteur on the right to education made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Burundi and Nicaragua.

Sixth Committee

14th meeting

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [76]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 76.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia and Viet Nam.

Statements were also made by the observers of the International Committee of the Red Cross and of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on this item.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [77]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 77.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate country The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Montenegro; the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the declaration), Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Canada (on behalf of CANZ), China, Turkey, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba and Israel.

The representative of Cyprus spoke in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on this item.

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission . . . . [73]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 73.

The Chairperson of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission presented her oral report on the work of the Working Group.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 99.

The Chairman of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on measures to eliminate international Terrorism presented his oral report on the work of the Working Group.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item.

15th meeting

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 129.

The Chairman of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on the administration of justice at the United Nations presented his oral report on the work of the Working Group.

The Committee adopted the texts of the draft statutes, with bracketed unagreed text, of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, contained in document A/C.6/63/L.7, as orally amended, and in document A/C.6/63/L.8.

The Committee decided that a letter be sent by its Chairman to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting the texts of the draft statutes, for them to be brought to the attention of the Fifth Committee and circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Andorra (22 October 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Kazakhstan (22 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

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Brazil
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